

CHECK LIST FOR CIA SITUATION REPORTS

SUMMARY

- a. What existing or potential factors in the situation regarding this country contribute to or jeopardize US security?
- b. What is the present status of these factors?
- c. What are the probable future developments which may effect US security?

SECTION I - POLITICAL SITUATION

1. Genesis of the Present Political System

- a. What historical developments directly contributed to the establishment of the present political system?
- b. When, how, and why was the present form of government brought into being?

2. Present Governmental Structure

- a. What is
 - (1) The theoretical structure of the Government, including organization and functions of the principal branches (Executive, Legislative, Judicial)?
 - (2) The form and operation of the Government in practice (assuming there is a difference)?
- b. Are civil liberties as understood in the US allowed? (This would include control of press, radio, etc.)

3. Political Parties and Current Issues

- a. What are the principal current political parties, how did they develop, and what generally are their platforms and memberships?
- b. What are the main political issues at present, and what are the probable solutions?

(NOTE: Communist strength, aims, and influence should be discussed under either 3 or 4.)

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4. Other Influential Groups

- a. Are there any important groups, operating through means other than political parties, that exert appreciable political influence (i.e., subversive movements, labor organizations, tribes, military forces etc.)?
- b. Do any of these groups favor policies which, if they were allowed to prevail, would be inimical to US interests?

5. Stability of the Present Administration

- a. When and by what means did the present Government (the actual ruling group) come into power?
- b. To what extent is the present administration subject to foreign control, influence or pressures?
- c. Will the present Government remain in office for a reasonable length of time or will it
 - (1) Be peacefully voted out in the next election?
 - (2) Be overwhelmingly defeated in the next election?
 - (3) Maintain its place by force or fraud?
 - (4) Be ousted by a revolution or coup d'etat?

SECTION II - ECONOMIC SITUATION

1. Genesis of the Present Economic System

- a. What developments in the history of the country led directly to the establishment of the present economic system?
- b. What is the type of economy (agricultural, industrial, etc.)?
- c. To what extent is the present economic system of this country
 - (1) Strictly controlled by the Government?
 - (2) Governed as far as possible by the principles of laissez faire?
 - (3) A combination of (1) and (2)?
 - (4) Controlled by foreign interests?
- d. If there is any important attempt by the Government to control the economic life of the country,

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- (1) What is the purpose of the Government in so doing?
- (2) How long will the controls be continued?
- (3) To what extent do the people support this policy?

2. Description of the Present Economic Situation

a. Agriculture

- (1) Can this country feed itself without outside help?
- (2) To what extent is this country dependent on imports to feed the population, and from what countries?
- (3) Does this country export food? To what countries?

b. Natural Resources

- (1) Has this country important natural resources?
- (2) What is the present status of their development?
- (3) Are they used domestically, or exported to what countries?
- (4) Are they needed by the US?

c. Industry

- (1) In brief, what is the extent of industrialization in this country?
- (2) Has this country a peacetime industry that can
 - (a) Satisfy the country's own needs?
 - (b) Provide a market for foreign raw materials?
 - (c) Furnish goods needed by other countries?
 - (d) Be rapidly converted to important wartime uses?

d. Finance

- (1) Is the financial position of this Government strong or weak?
- (2) What are its major sources of income and its major items of expenditures?

e. International Trade

- (1) To what extent is the economy of this country vitally dependent on international trade?

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- (2) Has the country normally a favorable balance of trade?
- (3) If the trade balance is unfavorable, how is the deficit normally made up?
- (4) Does its international trade make this country economically dependent on any country or group of countries, and if so which ones?
- (5) Does its international trade make any other countries economically dependent on this country, and if so which ones?

3. Economic Stability

- a. Briefly, what are the points of strength and weakness in the economy of this country?
- b. Is the economic position of this country
 - (1) Strong enough so that it needs no foreign assistance and is in no imminent danger of collapse?
 - (2) Weak but probably capable of stability with domestic resources or limited foreign assistance?
 - (3) Weak and in danger of imminent collapse which will lead to chaos, totalitarianism or foreign intervention?

SECTION III - FOREIGN AFFAIRS

1. Genesis of Present Foreign Policies

- a. What major considerations have traditionally governed the foreign policies of this country?
- b. What major considerations may be said to govern it now, and how did they develop?

2. Significant Relations with Other Nations

- a. What alliances or quasi-alliances has this country at the present time?
- b. At the present time, does the foreign policy of this country favor an Eastern or a Western orientation?
- c. Is the cause of this orientation mainly genuine preference or force of circumstances?

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- d. What seems to be the ultimate aim of the country's present diplomatic policy?

3. Significant International Issues

- a. Can this country play a relatively independent international role, or must it
- (1) Ally itself with one of the major power groups for political, economic, or military reasons?
 - (2) Rely for ultimate security on the UN?
 - (3) Tend to build its security around an alliance with neighboring countries?
 - (4) Follow a policy which is a combination of these?

SECTION IV - MILITARY SITUATION

1. Genesis of Present Military Policies

- a. What general considerations have led to the establishment of present military policies and the building of the present type of military force?
- b. What is the present status of demobilization, if any?

2. Strength and Disposition of the Armed Forces

- a. What is the strength of the Army in terms of
- (1) Men (actual or estimated)?
 - (2) Quality of Personnel?
 - (3) Weapons?
 - (4) Efficiency of weapons (new, obsolete, standardized, etc.)?
 - (5) Machines (type, efficiency, ability of personnel to maintain them)?
- b. What is the strength of the Navy in terms of
- (1) Men?
 - (2) Quality of Personnel?
 - (3) Ships (number, type, efficiency)?
 - (4) Bases (location and strength of)?
 - (5) Air and submarine support?

- c. What is the strength of the air force in terms of
 - (1) Number of pilots?
 - (2) Skill and training of pilots?
 - (3) Size of ground force?
 - (4) Ability of ground personnel to direct and maintain the force?
 - (5) Number, type and quality of present aircraft?
- d. Are there other military organizations, such as semi-military police forces, private armies, youth movements, etc., that should be mentioned?

3. War Potential

- a. Manpower
 - (1) Has this country an organized military reserve of significant size?
 - (2) Approximately how many men not in an organized reserve could be called up in case of war?
 - (3) Would this unorganized reserve be of real military value?
- b. Natural Resources
 - (1) To what extent has this country natural resources sufficient to maintain its armed forces?
- c. Industry
 - (1) At present or in the near future, could the industry of this country develop and supply adequate weapons and equipment for its military forces in case of war?
- d. Science
 - (1) Does this country have a group of competent scientists?
 - (2) Have the scientists adequate funds and facilities?
 - (3) Is it probable that this country can now or eventually develop for production rocket, atomic, electronic, bacteriological or other scientific weapons?
- e. Finance
 - (1) By itself, could this country support a war?

4. Military Intentions and Capabilities

- a. What is the basic mission of the armed forces:
 - (1) Aggressive war against what other nations?

- (2) Assistance to what other nations?
- (3) Defense in case of attack by what other nations?
- (4) Delaying action pending assistance from what other nations?
- (5) Maintenance of internal security or of the present regime?
- b. What tactics and weapons would this country chiefly depend on in case of war?
- c. To what extent and when could this country succeed in carrying out its military plans?

SECTION V - STRATEGIC CONSIDERATIONS AFFECTING US SECURITY

1. General

- a. Is this country actually or potentially:
 - (1) A valuable ally?
 - (2) A threat to US security, alone or in combination with other nations?
 - (3) A source of international dispute in which the US might become involved?
 - (4) Of little importance from the viewpoint of US security?

2. Political Factors

- a. Does or may the political situation in this country contribute to or jeopardize US security, because of:
 - (1) The type of political system or ideology?
 - (2) Its Western or Eastern orientation?
 - (3) Its instability or susceptibility to foreign influence?

3. Economic Factors

- a. Does or may the economic position of this country contribute to or jeopardize US security, because of:
 - (1) The type of economic system?
 - (2) The Government's economic policies and program?
 - (3) Its strategic materials required by the US or other nations?
 - (4) Its instability or need for foreign aid?

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4. Military Factors

a. Does or may the military situation in this country contribute to or jeopardize US security, because of:

- (1)** Its strategic location as a defense zone, base, communications channel, etc.?
- (2)** Its military traditions or policies?
- (3)** Its military potential or capabilities?

SECTION VI - PROBABLE FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS AFFECTING US SECURITY

1. What developments, with respect to the considerations enumerated in SECTION V, are likely to occur in the foreseeable future?

APPENDICES

(These should contain only such information as is necessary or desirable for an adequate understanding or appreciation of the main body of the report.)

APPENDIX A - Topography and Climate

APPENDIX B - Significant Communications Facilities

- a.** Harbors
- b.** Navigable Waterways
- c.** Roads
- d.** Railroads
- e.** Airlines
- f.** Electronic Communications

APPENDIX C - Population Statistics and Characteristics

- a.** Population by Age, Race and Religion
- b.** Significant Personal Characteristics
- c.** Significant Social, Fraternal or Religious Organizations

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APPENDIX D - Significant Biographical Data

APPENDIX E - Chronology of Significant Events

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